

# The BRYAN NEWSETTE

Vol. XXII

OCTOBER 1954

No. 2

## MUSICAL PROGRAM BY HAMMONTREE-BECKWITH TEAM INTRODUCES 24TH ANNUAL BRYAN BIBLE CONFERENCE

A program of gospel music and a message by one of America's best known and loved gospel singers will launch Bryan University's twenty-fourth Bible Conference October 24. At a 3:00 p.m. service in the Rhea Central High School Auditorium, Dr. Homer Hammontree and the Rev. Paul Beckwith will present a program of favorite evangelistic hymns. They will be assisted by a number of musical groups from the college. Dr. Hammontree will give the opening address.

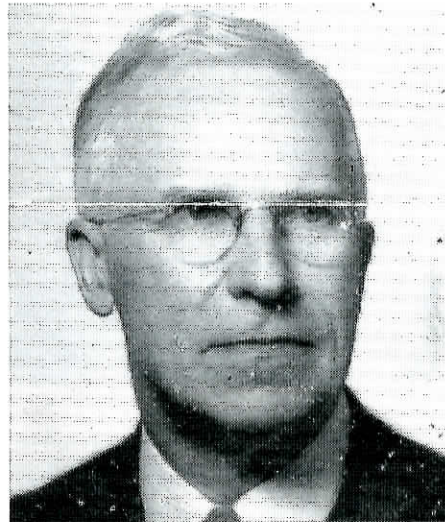
During the week that follows, Dr. Harold S. Laird of Wilmington, Delaware, and Dr. Irving L. Jensen of the university faculty will appear on the conference platform, together with the Hammontree-Beckwith team.

Throughout the week, two morning services will be held in the Memorial Chapel on Bryan Hill, the first at 9:30 and the second at 10:15. Evening meetings have been scheduled for 7:30 in the high school auditorium in downtown Dayton.

A former head of the music faculty at the Moody Bible Institute in



P. Beckwith and H. Hammontree



Harold S. Laird

Chicago and a Christian worker with a wide experience, Dr. Hammontree preaches simple messages that are high in practical spiritual values. His associate, Mr. Beckwith, is a graduate of the Dallas Theological Seminary and a former Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship leader. The ministry of this pair at last year's conference was so highly appreciated that they were invited to return for the 1954 sessions.

Dr. Laird is one of the country's most acceptable conservative teachers and preachers. He is pastor of the First Independent Church of Wilmington, Delaware, where he has ministered since the organization of the body in 1936. Prior to that he served as pastor of several prominent Presbyterian churches (U. S. A.) in the north. He was a member of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, and served as president of the agency until 1950, succeeding the late Dr. J. Gresham Machen. He was one of the founders of Faith Theological Seminary, the first classes of which were held in

(Continued on page 2)

## Misses Zebrowska and Benker Round Out 1954 - 55 Faculty; Additions Made to Staff

Latest additions to the Bryan faculty are Miss Halina Zebrowska, assistant professor of mathematics and physics, and Miss Wilma Benker, women's counsellor.

Miss Zebrowska is a native of Poland who has been in America only one year, during which she taught at Bob Jones University. She took her degree in electrical engineering at the Institute of Technology in Warsaw, Poland, and another degree, equivalent to the master of science, from the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden. She has work toward her Ph. D. in this same institution, where she was research assistant and instructor for six years.

Miss Benker comes to Dayton from Brookston, Indiana. She is a graduate of Bob Jones College, having taken work also at Wheaton and Purdue. In addition to this, she has done graduate work at Northwestern University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Her practical experience in Christian work includes the teaching of English at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and work with the Gideons International in their foreign extension department and editorial department.

Two important staff additions are Miss Dorothy Bean and Verne Archer, both of whom are employed in the business office.

Miss Bean is a graduate of 1954 and is serving as cashier and secretary to the business manager.

Mr. Archer graduated from the University of Buffalo where he majored in business administration. He served two years in the U. S. Army as computer and pay adjuster for the Army Finance Corps. His training and experience well fit him to replace Kenneth Moeller.



## From My Heart to You

We hear much about "freedom" these days. For a time it seemed that almost anything would be sanctioned in the educational world if held under the magic umbrella of "academic freedom."

It has finally become necessary, however, to make a choice between loyalty to country and the shibboleth of academic freedom, so in the last year or two a number of nationally prominent educators have taken a stand against the abuses of this liberty on the part of teachers who take refuge behind the First Amendment.



Actually, it is an abuse of academic freedom whenever error of any kind is propagated in our schools rather than the truth. Just as we maintain honest weights and measures, we must maintain academic standards. As industry and commerce are served by set standards of weights and measures, so the search for truth and its dissemination is promoted rather than hindered by academic standards. A bit of clear thinking will make it apparent to each of us that academic standards should govern academic freedom and not vice versa.

Our whole modern educational system had its origin with Bible-believing people and its development is definitely related to the widespread printing of the Bible in the language of the people. This Book, the "Rock of Revelation," is the foundation stone of present day society and of all the freedoms enjoyed therein. If educators in general would wholeheartedly return to the high ground of the great axiomatic spiritual truths instead of floundering about in the swamps of speculation and imagination, we would have less to fear from the various "isms" that have infiltrated many schools and colleges.

Here at Bryan, our philosophy of education is related to the basic proposition of our statement of belief, which can properly be considered as a vital part of our academic standards. The charter of the university provides that "no one shall be placed in a position of leadership or authority either as a Trustee, Officer or a member of the Faculty who does



BRYAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY

not subscribe with us to the . . . statement of belief."

It was an impressive and meaningful sight at the first meeting of the new school year to see the 33 members of the university's faculty and staff sign the statement of belief. These splendid men and women, constituting what is without a doubt the finest faculty and staff Bryan University has ever known, did not feel that they were in any sense limited by the act. They rather expressed their conviction of mind and heart that the most purposeful and most satisfactory type of education is that which is definitely Christian.

As our school grows, it is certain that changes will come, but one thing which cannot be changed as long as the university stands is the statement of belief. We covet your prayers that this statement may so be interpreted in our lives that the character and testimony of our students and graduates will continue to have a mighty impact upon many lives for time and for eternity.

JUDSON A. RUDD, President

Plan now to visit  
**BRYAN UNIVERSITY**  
at its  
**FALL OPEN HOUSE**  
November 7, 2 - 5 p.m.

## BRYAN ALUMNI AND FRIENDS STAGE FELLOWSHIP RALLIES

Sixty Bryan alumni and their friends gathered for the annual banquet at Winona Lake August 28 heard a characteristic address from Dr. James McGinlay, one of the most popular and humorous speakers on the conference platform today. Dr. Norman Uphouse was master of ceremonies.

Another enthusiastic group of about the same number observed a happy week-end at the Gull Lake Bible Conference grounds August 7-8. Although there was no formal program arranged, the event coincided with the appearance of the university's brass quartet and participation in the conference sessions was encouraged.

## BIBLE CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 1)

his Wilmington church building.

Conference sessions will be brought to a climax with the afternoon and evening services on Sunday, October 31. The a cappella choir of the university will make its first appearance of the year at the afternoon service. Several local churches will cooperate with the evening program as Dr. Laird brings the closing message.





FACULTY, AND STAFF FOR 1954 55

## WELCOME COMMITTEES ENTERTAIN NEWCOMERS AT FORMAL RECEPTION AND INFORMAL SOCIALS

Who were those frightened, wide-eyed young people scurrying around Bryan's halls on the evening of September 16? The freshman class of 1954-55, of course, but why the air of hyper-tension?

Traditionally, the formal "blind date" reception was the occasion and cause for the fussing and anxiety that was apparent at the north end of the girls' dorm and at the foot of the stairs where the "dates" waited nervously to get a peek at their Cinderellas for the evening.

After a short time, the evening's activities proceeded and everyone had relaxed. The presentation to the administrative officers, the faculty and the staff took some time, but once it was completed, the pressure was on again. This time, however, even the upper-classmen were on edge as two representatives of each class were called upon to deliver impromptu welcome speeches to the fresh and other newcomers. The freshmen, through their duly appointed representatives, returned the gesture and thanked their new friends most kindly.

James Gould, a senior, served as master of ceremonies, and Mr. David

Heydenburk, instructor in music, brought a devotional message entitled, "Tonality," in which he illustrated from music the pre-eminence of Christ in the believer's life.

Also on the list of welcoming activities for freshmen and new students was the social on Wednesday evening, September 15, at which sisters and brothers, both "big" and "little" were recognized. Sponsored by the "biggs," the program included skits which pretended to reveal the future of the "littles."

The seniors regaled the new class on the seventeenth with a "School Days" party. Girls wore braids and ponytails while the fellows rolled their breeches knee-high for that young, young look. "Professors" Sandra Cue and James Gould presided, and Milton Kier, senior class president, was the devotional speaker. School games were played and watermelon was served to the "youngsters" as the concluding feature of the evening.

Monday, September 20, saw the entire school being entertained by the freshmen class in what is called "Talent Night." The school's chapel resounded with the strains of vocal

(Continued on page 4)

## Michigan Gains Predominance In Student Representation From 30 States, 3 Countries

Ranking highest in percentage of Bryan student representation this year is last year's runner-up, Michigan, with a new high of 37 students. Ohio, which has been leading the list for a number of years, has 30 sons and daughters at Bryan this fall.

Pennsylvania and Tennessee are not far behind with 26 and 25 respectively. Each of these states has increased its quota by two since last year's enrollment.

This year's total of 250 registrations is divided among 30 states and 3 foreign countries. The freshman class, with its 90 members, comprises a good proportion of the 1954-55 student body. Total enrollment of new students is 97.

Helping to complete the list of states and foreign countries represented here this year are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Missouri.

New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Bolivia, Canada, and Switzerland conclude the list.

## ALUMNI HOMECOMING DATES SET FOR OCTOBER 8 - 10

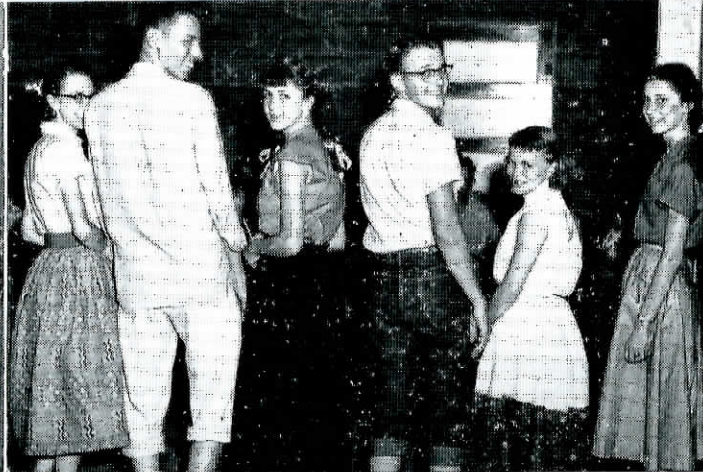
Plans for the Alumni Homecoming have been advanced by one week, and the date now stands at October 8-10. This change was made by the executive committee in response to the popular demand for an earlier date for the annual campus infiltration by grads.

Kermit Zopfi, executive secretary, and Mrs. Joyce Levengood, treasurer, are co-chairmen for the program and announce the following schedule: Friday—Registration, 12:00 noon; Building tour, 2:00 p.m.; Informal get-together, 8:00 p.m.; Saturday—Breakfast outing, 7:00 a.m.; Alumni chapel, 10:00 a.m.; Visit classes, 10:40 a.m.; Bryan-Oglethorpe Cross Country meet, 2:00 p.m.; Alumni dinner and business meeting, 5:30 p.m.; All-School party, 8:00 p.m. (Alumni are invited.); Sunday—Visit local churches.





In a quiet corner of Miss Wilma Benker's apartment, she and Miss Halina Zebrowska, (right), latest additions to the faculty, spend a few moments discussing prospects for the year.



Charlene Sorrell, Bruce Oyler, Darla Morrow, John Deal, Nancy Cook, Joyce Williams and other freshmen relive childhood school days in an evening of fun directed by the senior class.

## CROSS COUNTRY TEAM SCHEDULES FALL MEETS; RENOVATES BUILDING FOR ATHLETIC LOCKER ROOMS

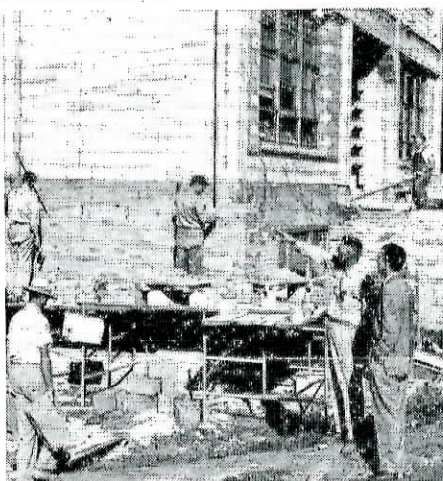
Prospects for the coming track season appear fair to Coach Roger Walkwitz as he looks over available team timber. "We have as hold-overs three runners who placed in meets last year, namely, Stu Meissner, Ev Boyce

and Dick Ruble. We also have some new material that looks very promising. About 12 fellows are working out in preparation for the fall meets." He also indicated that the schedule for the year is one of the most ambitious ever planned for a Bryan squad.

Meanwhile, enthusiastic team members converted the building formerly used as a milk house into a locker and shower room. This move not only adds to the convenience of the runners, but greatly relieves congestion in the showers in dormitories.

The first meet of the year will be at Rome, Georgia, October 2, when the Bryan team will engage the representatives of the Berry Schools. In its first home event Bryan men will compete with Oglethorpe University's team October 9, and a week later will go to Atlanta to meet the Emory University team.

In the intramural sports program, touch football for boys and speedball for girls were set up to begin around the first of October.



Dr. Rudd and building superintendent D. C. Campbell discuss construction progress. The northeast corner pictured here is the most recent to be faced with brickwork. The structure is now completely encircled with the finished exterior up to the second floor. Further progress is expected to be rapid.

## FROSH ACTIVITIES

(Continued from page 3)

and instrumental arrangements of all kinds as the newcomers revealed their musical ability. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers sponsored a party at the First Methodist Church on the following Saturday, September 24, with games, prizes, and refreshments.

The activities of the first two weeks spelled "enjoyment" to the class of '38, but the best was yet to come. With wondering anticipation, the first-year students now awaited the announcement of sophomore plans for initiation.

## Gift Report for August, 1934

Operating Fund:	\$5,546.03
Plant Fund:	748.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,294.03</b>

## CHRIST ABOVE ALL

Judson A. Rudd, L.L.D. .... Editor-in-chief  
Rebecca M. Peck ..... Managing Editor  
Mrs. Helen Piper ..... Circulation Manager

Published and Printed Monthly by  
William Jennings Bryan University  
Dayton, Tennessee  
Entered as second-class matter, March 13, 1937,  
at the post office at Dayton, Tennessee, under  
the Act of August 24, 1912.

Miss Mary Wright  
Route 1  
Lost Creek, West Virginia  
2/54